



**MEETING Corporate Parenting Committee
Date 18th February 2020**

ITEM 07

Report sponsor: Andy Smith, Strategic Director
of Peoples Services

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Service Children's Quality Assurance

Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21

Purpose

- 1.1 Derby City Council as a Corporate Parents has statutory responsibilities for children and young people in our care as well those that qualify as care leavers.
- 1.2 The Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21 (Appendix 1) sets out Derby City Council's vision and priorities for meeting the needs of children and young people in our care and care leavers.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To consider and accept The Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21 'Our Bright Future Plan'

Reason(s)

- 3.1 The Corporate Parenting Strategy outlines our priorities for children in care and care leavers over the next three years 2019-21. This Strategy aims to make sure that we deliver the best outcomes for our children and young people in care.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Corporate Parenting' is the term that is used to describe the responsibilities that a local authority or council has when a child or young person can no longer be looked after by their parent(s) or family.
- 4.2 The term 'Corporate Parent' means the collective responsibility of the council, elected members, employees, and partner agencies, for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us.

- 4.3 This Strategy aims to make sure that we deliver the best outcomes for our children and young people in care. We are committed to making sure that every looked after child has the best possible start in life, is given help to achieve their potential, and has a safe and positive experience with us as their Corporate Parent. We want our children and young people to be happy and healthy, both physically and emotionally, to be safe and protected from harm and exploitation, and to be supported each step of the way to successful independent life as adults.
- 4.3 Members of the Children in Care Council have been involved in the design and content of the Corporate Parenting Strategy. The young people suggested the sub heading of 'Our Bright Future Plan'
- 4.4 The Corporate Parenting Strategy 'Our Bright Future Plan' prioritises five key areas where we want to make a difference for our children in care and care leavers.
1. Listening to our children and young people in care
 2. Making sure our children in care have good, safe places to live
 3. Working with our children and young people so they achieve the best educational outcomes for them
 4. Making sure our children in care are happy and healthy
 5. Supporting our children in care into their adulthood life
- 4.5 The Corporate Parenting Strategy also includes pledges made from each of the directorates to children in care and care leavers.
- 4.6 The Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21 is appended to this report.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 The term 'Corporate Parent' means the collective responsibility of the council, elected members, employees, and partner agencies, for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us.

Other options

- 6.1 N/A

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 There is statutory requirement for Derby City Council to meet the needs of children in our care and care leavers

Legal implications

8.1 There are statutory obligations in place which require Derby City Council to act as a good Corporate Parents and meet the needs of children in our care and care leavers. To provide our children in care and care leavers with the support and stability that any young person would expect.

Other significant implications

9.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	Olu Idowu	4/2/2020
Finance	Alison Parkin	4/2/2020
Service Director(s)	Suanne Lim	27/1/2020
Report sponsor		
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Background papers:	
List of appendices:	Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21